

Applicants amend the claims herein and respectfully request that the application be passed to allowance.

Please AMEND the application as follows.

Please REPLACE claims 1, 5, 25, 26 and 28 as follows.

ε¹ 1. (Twice Replaced) A gel composition useful for skin care and protection comprising:

34.1% to 80% w/w water having a total dissolved salt value between 25% and 40% and having an ion composition comprising:

about 36,000 to 40,000 mg/l Calcium,

about 320,000 to 370,000 mg/l Chloride,

about 90,000 to 95,000 mg/l Magnesium,

about 1,300 to 1,500 mg/l Potassium,

about 1,500 to 2,500 mg/l Sodium, and

about 11,000 to 12,000 mg/l Bromide;

a solubilizer;

a gelling agent or viscosity modifier; and

deionized water to complete to 100%. 7

ε² 5. (Twice Replaced) A gel composition comprising:

34.1% to 80.0% w/w water having a total dissolved salt value between 25% and 40% and having an ion composition comprising:

about 36,000 to 40,000 mg/l Calcium,
about 320,000 to 370,000 mg/l Chloride,
about 90,000 to 95,000 mg/l Magnesium,
about 1,300 to 1,500 mg/l Potassium,
about 1,500 to 2,500 mg/l Sodium, and
about 11,000 to 12,000 mg/l Bromide;

0.2% to 4.0% w/w solubilizer;

hydrophilic active agent in an amount not to exceed 3.0% w/w;

0.7% to 1.2% w/w gelling agent;

hydrophobic active agent in an amount not to exceed 0.8% w/w;

fragrance in an amount not to exceed 0.4% w/w;

0.05% to 0.2% w/w antioxidant; and

deionized water to complete to 100%.

25. (Replaced) The gel composition according to claim 1 wherein the 34.1% to 80.0% w/w water is actual Dead Sea water.

26. (Replaced) The gel composition according to claim 5 wherein the 34.1% to 80.0% w/w water is actual Dead Sea water.

28. (Replaced) A gel composition comprising:
30.0% to 80.0% w/w actual Dead Sea water;
0.2% to 4.0% w/w solubilizer;

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hydrophilic active agent in an amount not to exceed 3.0% w/w;

0.7% to 1.2% w/w gelling agent;

hydrophobic active agent in an amount not to exceed 0.8% w/w;

fragrance in an amount not to exceed 0.4% w/w;

0.05% to 0.2% w/w antioxidant; and

deionized water to complete to 100%.
